

April 1, 2008

**Introduction**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 28, 2008

TO: County Council

FROM: <sup>60</sup> Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director

SUBJECT: **Introduction**—resolution to amend transportation fees, charges, and fares

All fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 16-452 adopted on February 12, 2008 and approved by the Executive on February 21, 2008.

On March 15, 2008 the Executive recommended an FY 2009 Operating Budget which assumes the following changes to transit fares and parking fees and fines:

- Eliminate the Ride On 2-week pass ('Ride About')
- Create a Ride On Monthly Pass costing \$25
- Raise the price of the Ride On 20-trip Ticket from \$20 to \$27
- Raise the price of short-term spaces in Silver Spring's Town Center garages (#60 and #61) from \$0.50 to \$0.75 per hour
- Raise the price of long-term spaces in Silver Spring's Town Center garages from \$0.40 to \$0.75 per hour
- Raise the price of all other short-term spaces in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District from \$0.60 to \$0.75 per hour
- Raise the price of all other long-term spaces in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District from \$0.45 to \$0.50 per hour
- Raise the price of the Parking Convenience Sticker in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District from \$85 to \$95 per month
- Raise the price of the Daily Parking Permit in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District from \$5 to \$6 per day

- Raise the price of short-term and long-term spaces in the Wheaton Parking Lot District from \$0.35 to \$0.50 per hour
- Raise the price of the Parking Convenience Sticker in the Wheaton Parking Lot District from \$65 to \$95 per month
- Create an impoundment or immobilization fee of \$115
- Create a fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle of \$10

A draft resolution reflecting the Executive's recommendations is on ©1-8. If a Councilmember wishes to introduce any other potential changes to transportation fees, charges, or fares, fines for public comment, he or she should do so at this time. The Council's public hearing is scheduled for April 22 at 1:30 pm. The resolution will be taken up in committee on April 28.

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Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: County Council

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Subject: Setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

Background

1. With the enactment of Bill 16-04, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Public Works and Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect.
2. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 16-452 adopted on February 12, 2008 and approved by the Executive on February 21, 2008.
3. On March 15, 2008 the Executive recommended an FY 2009 Operating Budget which assumes the following changes to transit fares and parking fees and fines:
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  - Create a Ride On Monthly Pass costing \$25
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  - Create an impoundment or immobilization fee of \$115
  - Create a fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle of \$10
4. A public hearing on this resolution was advertised and held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 16-452 are amended as described in Table 1, attached, and go into effect on July 1, 2008. The fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 16-452 remain in effect until July 1, 2008.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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Date

*Approved*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

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Date

**TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES****I. Transit Fares**

Regular cash fare or token	\$1.35
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$1.25
Bethesda 8 (Route 92) and VanGo (Route 28) shuttles	Free
Twinbrook (Route 93) and Rock Spring (Route 96) shuttles	\$0.35
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program (2-7 pm weekdays)	Free
Code Red days	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
Senior/Disabled with identification card	
attendant accompanying customer	Free
with Attendant-Eligible card	Free
MetroAccess Certified Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – companion	Free
Children under age 5	Free
Local bus transfer	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer	\$0.35
Senior/Disabled transfer	Free
Metrobus weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly and monthly passes	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass	Free
Regional One Day bus pass	\$3.00
[Ride About (2 Week) pass	\$10.00]
<u>Ride On Monthly Pass</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Ride On 20-trip ticket	<u>[\$20.00] \$27.00</u>
Youth Cruiser pass	\$10.00 Per Month
Summer Youth Cruiser pass (for 3-month period of June, July, and August)	\$15.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College fee-paying students)	Free

**II. Parking Fees** (Note: No payment is required for motorcycles in spaces or areas where only motorcycle parking is permitted. No payment is required for any vehicle at all public parking spaces on County holidays.)

**A. Bethesda Parking Lot District**

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday
  - Short-Term (First 3 hours) \$0.75 Per Hour
  - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) \$0.50 Per Hour
2. Garage 49
  - Daily Maximum \$8.25 Per Day
  - Lost Ticket \$8.25 Per Day
3. Special Permits
  - a. Parking permits
    - Parking Convenience Sticker \$95.00 Per Month
    - Daily Parking Permit \$8.25 Per Day
    - "AM/PM" Parking Permit \$20.00 Per Month
  - b. Carpool Permits
    - 2 Persons \$70.00 Per Month
    - 3 and 4 Persons \$40.00 Per Month
    - 5 or More Persons \$10.00 Per Month
  - c. Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

**B. Silver Spring Parking Lot District**

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages (except Garages 60 and 61) from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday
  - Short-Term (First 3 hours) [~~\$0.60~~] \$0.75 Per Hour
  - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) [~~\$0.45~~] \$0.50 Per Hour
2. Special Permits
  - a. Parking permits
    - Parking Convenience Sticker [~~\$85.00~~] \$95.00 Per Month
    - Daily Parking Permit [~~\$5.00~~] \$6.00 Per Day
    - "AM/PM" Parking Permit \$20.00 Per Month
  - b. Carpool Permits
    - 2 Persons \$65.00 Per Month
    - 3 and 4 Persons \$35.00 Per Month
    - 5 or More Persons \$5.00 Per Month
  - c. Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month
3. Garages 60 and 61
  - Short-Term (First 3 hours) [~~\$0.50~~] \$0.75 Per Hour
  - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) [~~\$0.40~~] \$0.75 Per Hour

### **C. Wheaton Parking Lot District**

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours)	<del>[\$0.35]</del> <u>\$0.50</u> Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	<del>[\$0.35]</del> <u>\$0.50</u> Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	<del>[\$65.00]</del> <u>\$95.00</u> Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month

### **D. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District**

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.25 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.25 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$45.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month

### **E. North Bethesda Transportation Management District**

1. Meters on-street and in lots from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.60 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.45 Per Hour

2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$85.00 Per Month
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### III. Parking Fines and Other Charges (with County Code Section Citations)

#### A. Motor vehicles, traffic control and highways, generally

31-6(b)(2)	Snow emergency – Parked in Right-of-Way	\$75.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$50.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$50.00

#### B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$50.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$50.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$40.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$50.00
31-14	Commercial vehicles/bus abutting residences or schools	\$50.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$50.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$50.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$50.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$50.00
31-20	No person will:	
(a)	Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
(1)	Impeding traffic	\$50.00
(2)	On a sidewalk	\$50.00
(3)	Within an intersection	\$50.00
(4)	On a crosswalk	\$50.00
(5)	Alongside street repair	\$50.00
(6)	On bridge/ in tunnel	\$50.00
(7)	On any highway ramp	\$50.00
(8)	Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$50.00
(9)	Rush hour restriction	\$50.00
(10)	Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$50.00
(b)	Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:	
(1)	within 15 feet of fire hydrant	\$50.00
(2)	within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$50.00
(3)	within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$50.00
(4)	at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$50.00
(5)	at a No Standing sign	\$50.00
(6)	double parking	\$50.00
(7)	at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
(8)	in front of theaters, posted	\$50.00
(9)	more than 12 inches from curb	\$50.00
(10)	opposite the flow of traffic	\$50.00
(11)	blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
(12)	not within designated parking space	\$50.00
(13)	at a posted bus stop	\$50.00
(14)	at a posted taxi stand	\$50.00
(15)	in a handicapped parking space	\$250.00
(c)	Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passenger:	
(1)	within 50 feet of a railroad crossing	\$50.00
(2)	at an official No Parking sign	\$50.00

### **C. Off-street public parking regulations**

31-26	(a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility:	
	(1) in violation of an official sign	\$50.00
	(2) in a No Parking zone	\$50.00
	(3) not within a designated parking space	\$50.00
	(4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks	\$50.00
	(5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade	\$50.00
	(6) blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
	(7) over 24 hours where not authorized	\$50.00
	(8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative	\$50.00
	(9) in violation, front-in-only, posted	\$50.00
	(10) straddling marked parking spaces	\$50.00
	(11) unattended/running	\$50.00
	(12) impeding traffic	\$50.00
31-27	(b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type	\$50.00
31-30(c)	(c) Snow/ice emergency	\$50.00

### **D. Parking meters generally**

31-35	Expired parking meter	\$35.00
31-36	Overtime parking at parking meter	\$40.00
31-37	More than 3 feet from parking meter	\$35.00
31-38	More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles	\$35.00

### **E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection**

31-62 (c)	<u>Impoundment or immobilization fee</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>
31-52 (e)	<u>Fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
31-57(a)	First late penalty for failure to fully pay fine or appeal citation within 15 days	\$25.00
31-59	Second late penalty for failure to fully pay the original fine and penalties within 45 days of the original issuance of the citation	\$25.00

### **F. Residential Parking Permits**

31-48(h)	Biennial fee	\$30.00
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#### **IV. Transportation Management District (TMD) annual fees**

In this section Gross Floor Area (GFA) is defined as described in Section 52-47 of the County Code.

##### **A. Bethesda Transportation Management District**

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006	\$0.10/square foot GFA

##### **B. Friendship Heights Transportation Management District**

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006	\$0.10/square foot GFA

##### **C. North Bethesda Transportation Management District**

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006	\$0.10/square foot GFA

##### **D. Silver Spring Transportation Management District**

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006	\$0.10/square foot GFA